Spatio-Temporal Equalization for Wireless Communications

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Overview

- Enhance mobile communications
 - adaptive signal processing
 - low-power, compact implementation
- Temporal dispersion correction
 - linear and non-linear equalization
- Spatial beamforming with antenna arrays
 - detect directions of arrival
 - combine paths to improve signal to noise

Temporal Spread

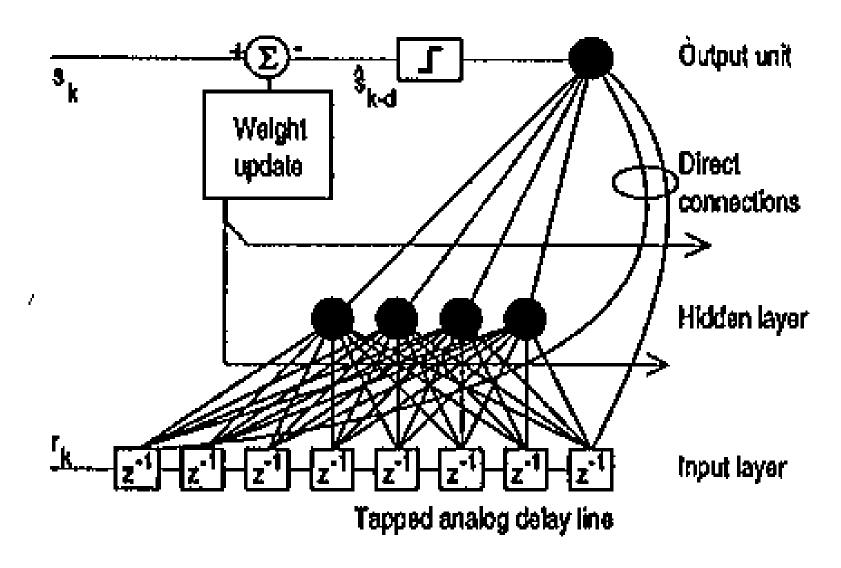
- Receive r from signal s, memory m=p+q $|r_k| = h_k s_0 + \sum_{j \neq k, j=-p}^q h_j s_{(k-j)} + n_k \text{ h (imp. resp.), n(oise)}$
- Corrected by linear equalization

$$\hat{s}_{k-d} = W_k^T \bullet \{r_k\}$$
 (1 neuron network)

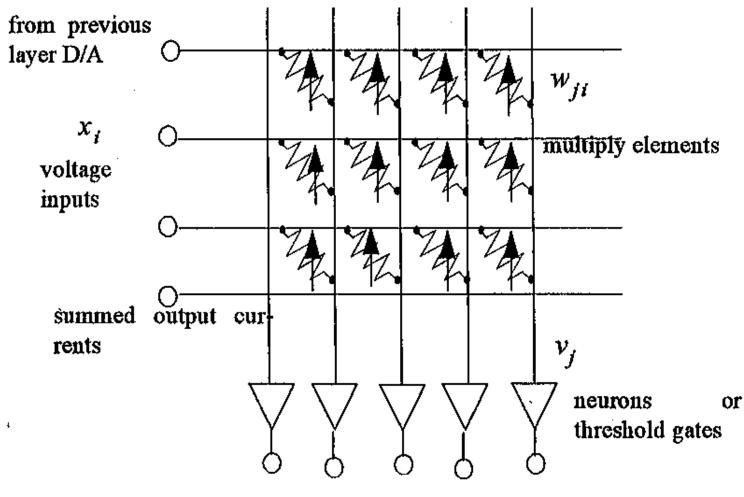
- If repeaters, need non-linearity, f(Wr)
- Adaptive adjustment of weight vector

$$W_k = \{w_0, w_1, ..., w_{m-1}\}_k$$

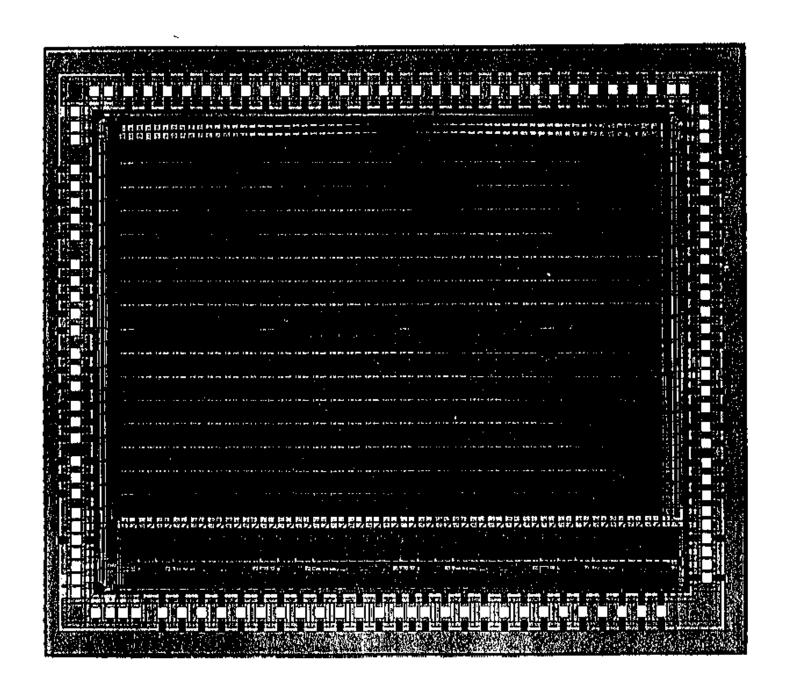
Neural Network Equalizer



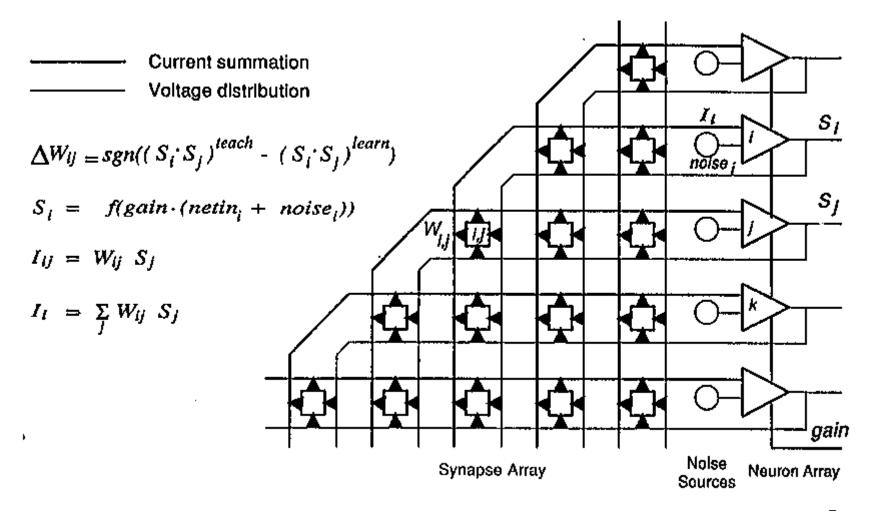
Analog Signal Processor



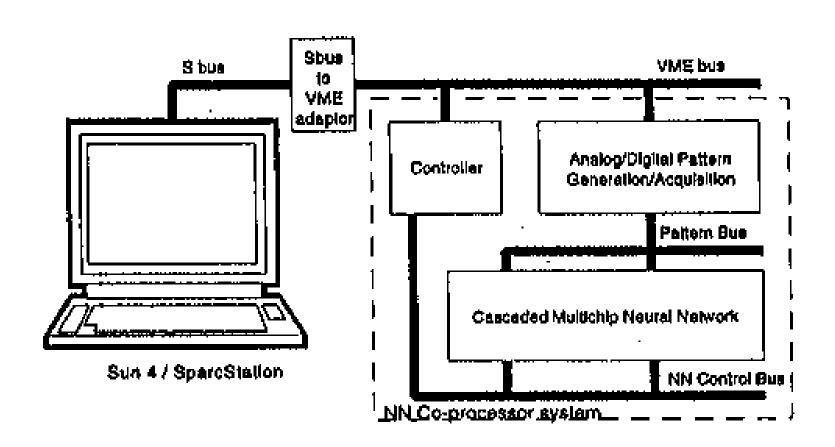
to next layer: voltages y_i



Learning Chip Computational Function

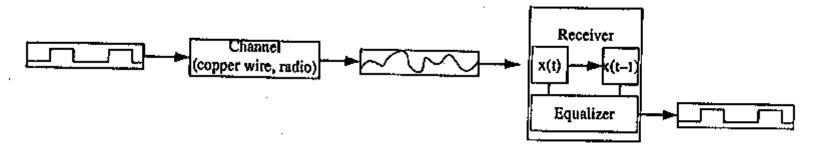


Co-Processor Block Diagram

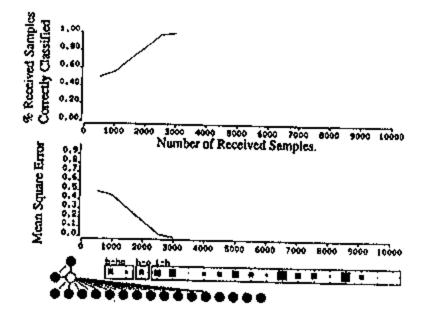


Neural Network Equalization

Equalization



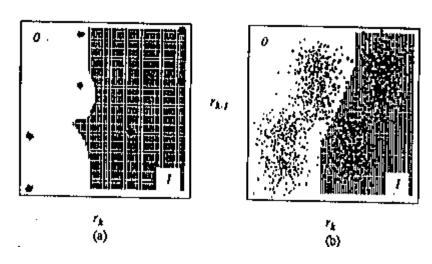
Neural Hardware



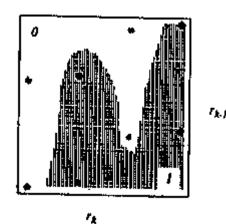
Processing Speed (samples/second)	
Current Test Platform	10,000
Limit of Current Chip	100,000
Chip Dedicated to EQ	1,000,000

Analog neural network uses 20 times less power than similar speed digital.

Equalization as a classification problem



Decision boundaries drawn by the chip for the channel H_{mp} under different SNRs. (a) 20 dB and (b) 8 dB

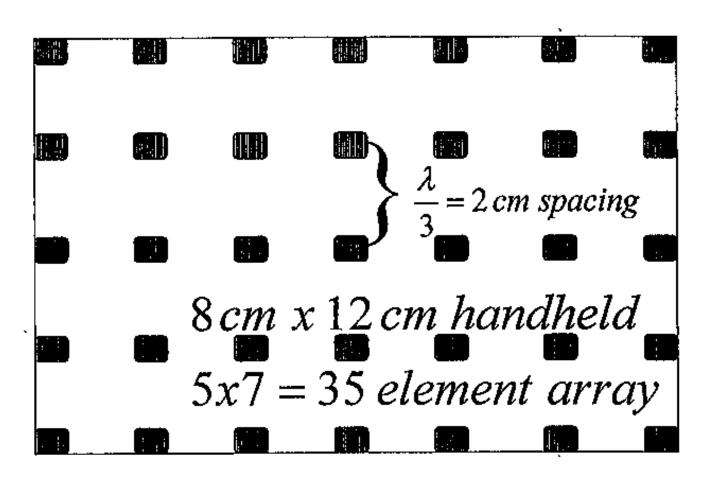


Decision boundary for the channel H_{nmp} SNR = 20 dB

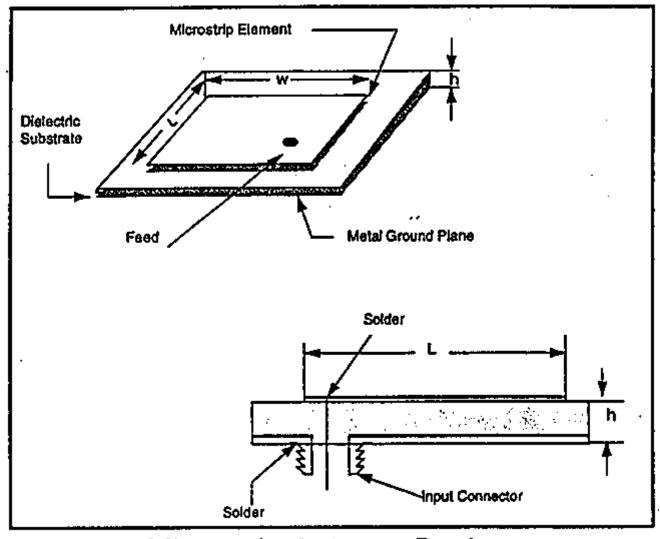
Adaptive Antenna Arrays

- Reduce interference from other users
 - increase number of users per cell
- Array factor increase beam selectivity
 - can steer peaks and nulls with magnitude and phase in reception and transmission
- Adaptive steering maximizes signal
 - can train neural net to locate signal peaks
 - low power, compact processing is essential

Array for 5 GHz Terminal



Microstrip Patch Antenna



Microstrip Antenna Design

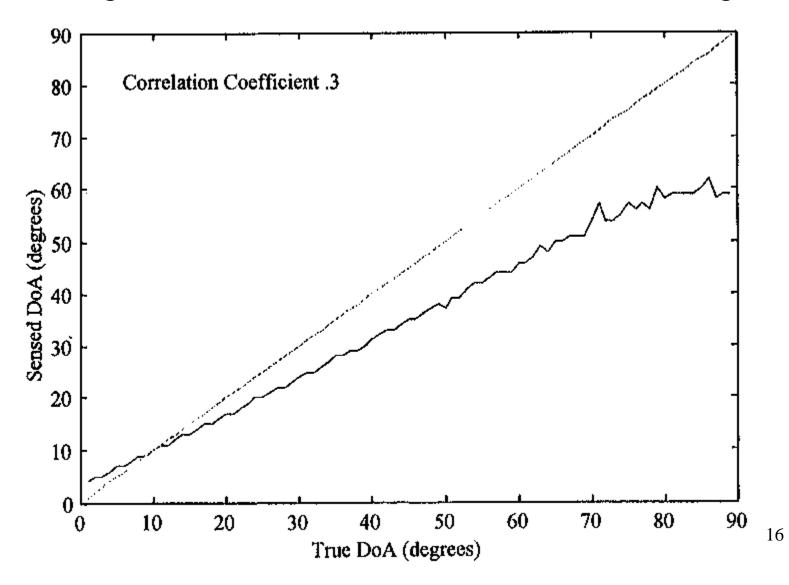
Beam Direction Estimate

- Compare radial basis function neural network with MUSIC algorithm
- Evaluate 1-dimensional 6 element array and 2-dimensional 35 element array
- Use noisy correlated multipath signals separated by 10 to 90 degrees

MUSIC Algorithm

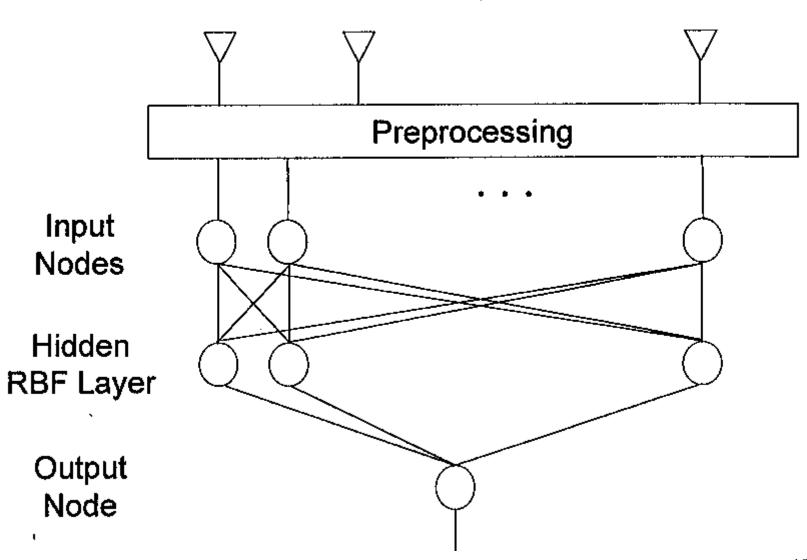
- Multiple Signal Classification (MUSIC) algorithm finds singular values of signal correlation matrix
- Can detect direction well if there are no cochannel signals (multipath)
- Otherwise does weighted interpolation between correlated signal directions and doesn't find strongest source

• Music algorithm with one correlated source at 10 deg.

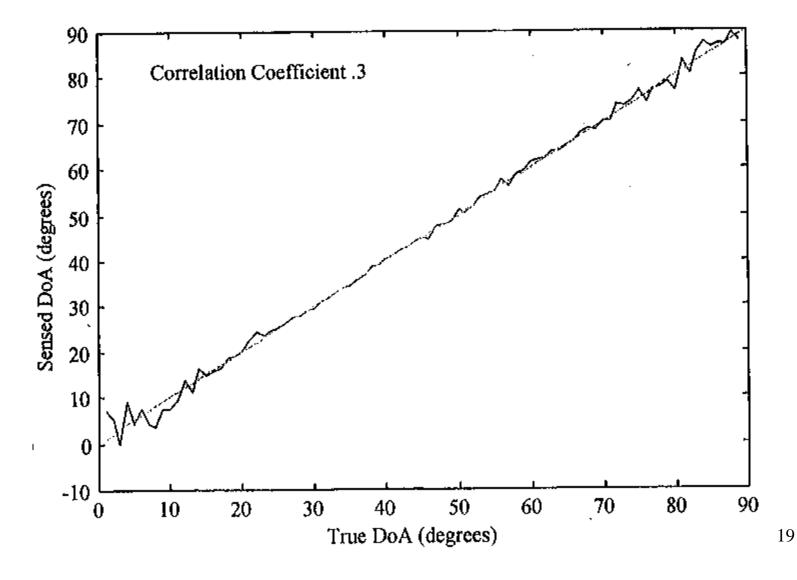


Radial Basis Function Neural Network

- Inputs re off-diagonal correlation matrix elements (Re and Im signal components)
- Train local, radial, non-linear, basis (gaussian) middle layer with LMS by generalized inverse
- Linear output layer
- Tracks strong beam direction accurately in presence of correlated multipath signal



• Neural network results with one correlated source at 10 deg.



Conclusions

- Neural network training to find peak signal outperforms MUSIC algorithm in the presence of multipath signals
- Neural net training can perform temporal equalization in low-power hardware
- Combine spatial and temporal processing
- Low power hardware is feasible